

DEADMAN'S HILL IS THE CENTER OF BIG EFFORT

Fresh Assault on That Important Key to Situation Before Verdun Brought Some Small Gains to the Attackers Last Night

SMALL ELEMENTS OF TRENCHES TAKEN

East of the Meuse the German Efforts Were Less Successful, the Assault on Trenches South of Douaumont Village Being Hurdled Back by French

The German assault on the defenses of Verdun is still centered on the all-important key position of Dead Man's Hill, west of the Meuse. Paris regards the present attack of the Germans as their supreme effort in this greatest of battles. French commentators suggest it may mark the close of the Verdun campaign whatever the outcome.

Berlin views the Verdun operations confidently, pointing to the large extent of ground gained in a difficult region and the losses inflicted on the French.

With the exception of the Verdun sector, no military operations of particular significance were reported from any of the battle fronts on three continents. The change in seasons is interfering with the movements on the Russian, Italian and Mesopotamian fronts, although on each there are signs of increasing activity.

The last remaining mine crater taken recently by the Germans at St. Eloi has been recaptured by King George's men, who also were able in their attack to establish themselves in German trenches running southwest from the crater.

Paris, April 11.—On the west bank of the Meuse the Germans made an attack last night on Dead Man's Hill, advancing from the Corbeaux wood. They obtained a footing in a few small elements of trenches, the war office announced this afternoon, but otherwise were repulsed. East of the Meuse the Germans attacked the trenches south of Douaumont village but were beaten back with considerable losses. There was a violent bombardment of Douaumont and Vaux.

ASQUITH SAYS ALLIES DO NOT DESIRE TO STRANGLE GERMANY

British Premier Declares They Intend International Problems Must Not Be

Handled by a Government Controlled By a Military Caste.

London, April 11.—On the occasion of a government reception to visiting French senators and deputies at Lancaster house last night, Premier Asquith took the opportunity to reply to the speech delivered in the Reichstag by the imperial German chancellor.

The premier, in proposing the toast "Our guests" referred to Von Bethmann-Hollweg's claim to readiness on the part of Germany to negotiate peace, and said:

"The German chancellor wants us to assume the attitude of a defeated to a victorious adversary. But we are not defeated; we are not going to be defeated."

Reiterating that the allies were only prepared for peace on the terms of his declaration of November, 1914, Mr. Asquith proceeded:

"The chancellor first misquotes my language then proceeds to distort its obvious meaning and intention. Great Britain and France entered the war, not to strangle Germany or wipe her off the map of Europe, nor to destroy or mutilate her national life; certainly not to interfere with her in the future the collaboration of neighbors."

"My answer is a very simple one. The allies desire and are determined to see once again the old Belgium. She must not be allowed to suffer permanently from the wanton, wicked invasion of her freedom and that which has been broken down must be repaired and restored."

TAKE OVER 36,000 FRENCH.

German Capture at Verdun Since Feb. 21 Revealed at Berlin.

Berlin, via wireless, April 11.—Since February 21 the Germans have captured more than 36,000 prisoners in the fighting about Verdun, the Overseas News agency announced to-day.

G. O. P. CONVENTION IN MONTPELIER TO BE MAY 26

Republican State Committee Met in Burlington Yesterday Afternoon and Completed the Preliminary Plans.

Burlington, April 11.—The Republican state convention for the election of four delegates and four alternates to the Republican national convention will be held at Montpelier city hall on May 26, according to a decision reached by the Republican state committee which met here yesterday afternoon. Basis of representation at the state convention will be the Republican vote for governor in 1914, with customary apportionment of delegates according to the votes cast in each town.

The matter of temporary discussion of the convention, after discussion of available men, was referred to the executive committee, with power to act, as were the various details connected with the convention.

May 16, the day of the primary election, was designated as the day for the holding of caucuses at which delegates to the state convention shall be elected and a call for election of town and city committees at the same time will be issued.

There was considerable discussion of the questions presented by the new primary law, and it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that every aid to the obtaining of a full and fair expression of the wishes of the Republican voters of Vermont as to a candidate for president should be given by the party organization. Methods of effecting this were discussed and a statement will be issued later by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Wilson, covering this ground. The committee took no vote as to their individual preference and deem it their duty not to promote any particular candidate but to assist so far as they may in carrying out the spirit of primary elections.

In the absence of J. B. Searles of St. Johnsbury, secretary of the committee, S. B. Waite of Hyde Park was elected secretary pro tem. Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea presided at the meeting. Earl R. Kinsley of Rutland, Republican national committeeman from Vermont, and Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction, secretary of state, were called into conference with regard to the practical application of the primary law, and state their understanding of the operation, and Mr. Bailey explained some of the problems that have arisen with regard to the machinery under the law and the interpretation that he and the attorney general put upon them.

AMERICAN WOOLEN RAISES WAGES

Ten Per Cent Increase in New England and New York Shops of the Company May Be Prelude to General Textile Increase.

Boston, April 11.—A 10 per cent increase in wages, effective April 17, was announced to-day by the American Woollen company. The increase will affect 25,000 employees of the company in New England and New York. It was understood here that similar advances were likely in other textile industries.

SELF-DEFENSE PROVEN.

Calvin A. Rich Acquitted of Charge of Assault.

Rutland, April 11.—Calvin A. Rich of Mendon, who has been on trial in Rutland county court for the last few days on a charge of assaulting John McLaughlin at the former's home, stabbing him in the back several times, was acquitted by the jury in court yesterday morning. The verdict being announced shortly before adjournment time yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Mr. Rich admitted doing the stabbing but told a story of self defense which the jury must have believed.

George Pardon of Fair Haven, who has been in jail since the recent series of robberies at the Bryne store at Center Rutland on a charge of receiving stolen goods, pleaded guilty to an information filed against him by State's Attorney C. V. Poulin. Brief statements were made to the court by the prosecuting officer and by Attorney P. M. Phelps of Fair Haven, who appeared for the respondent, the court being asked to allow the young man to be placed under probation. In view of the fact that he will be an important witness against Joseph Martin, charged with committing the breaks, sentence was not pronounced.

DENIES INSULT TO FLAG.

Labor Leader Said He Referred to Act of Pennsylvania Constabulary.

Reading, Pa., April 11.—James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, and Socialist member of the state legislature, last night denied he had shouted "Down with the Stars and Stripes" in his address at the Washington Irving high school in New York Sunday night. He stated that he had dwelt on the state constabulary of Pennsylvania and referred to their actions at a burial service in the coal regions.

"What I said was that it was this constabulary that ordered the American flag lowered at the funeral," Mr. Maurer declared.

DROPS CONTEST.

In Which She Sought to Break Daniel Greaney's Will.

Winoski, April 11.—A case of much interest to the people in the village and which was to be tried in Chittenden county court this term received an abrupt ending yesterday when Miss Nellie Greaney, the contestant in the will case of the late Daniel Greaney, her uncle, withdrew. The suit was over the will of Daniel Greaney, Miss Greaney suing Henry Conn at al. special administrator of the property. The will was then proved and certified to the probate court as the last will and testament of Daniel Greaney.

VAGUE ALARM WAS LESSENED AT DAYLIGHT

Columbus, N. M., Feared Another Raid Last Night, and Its Citizens Spent Many Hours of Apprehension of Impending Trouble

CALL IS SENT IN FOR MILITIAMEN

Despite the Relaxation of Tension with the Coming of Daylight, Some Citizens Still Continued to Feel Panicky—Troops Are Declared to Be Ready

Columbus, N. M., April 11.—This town, ridden with alarmist rumors, was relieved to-day when the night passed without sign of the trouble which many of its citizens feared. T. A. Husley, a deputy sheriff, feeling that every precaution should be taken to protect the town against the possibility of a repetition of the raid of a month ago, has requested that militiamen be sent here to assist the regular troops policing the border.

The tension which has been manifest the past 24 hours was somewhat abated to-day but some citizens, despite the assurances of the military authorities that there were no grounds for fears and that the troops were amply prepared to care for any emergency, seemed to be slightly uneasy.

ARRESTED IN EL PASO.

E. Baca, One of Best Known Lawyers in the Southwest.

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—Eifego Baca, one of the best known lawyers in the southwest, formerly district attorney in Socorro, N. M., and a leader in New Mexican Republican politics, was arrested here last night in connection with the flight over the border of General Salazar Sunday.

Eight Mexicans, all of whom have played important parts in Mexico politics at one time or another, were arrested at the same time. Among them was General Saragoso, who was in command at Tampico under Huerta, when the arrest of American marines precipitated the crisis which led to the occupation of Vera Cruz, and General Careveo, a former lieutenant of Orozco. All eight are said to have been working in the interest of Felix Diaz. This report, officers said, supports the theory that Salazar proposes to declare for that leader.

Baca represented Salazar at the latter's trials for gun running, conspiracy against American neutrality and perjury. In each case his client was acquitted. After his first arrest, Salazar escaped from jail in Albuquerque and was said to have made an abortive attempt to start a revolution in Sonora. Baca was indicted as an accomplice in the escape and later acquitted.

THINKS VILLA'S DAYS SHORT.

If Not in Life, Then in Freedom—Gavira Makes Statement.

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—General Gabriel Gavira, Carranza's commander at Juarez, last night announced that the forces of the de facto government were in a position to take immediate control of the Villa situation if the American troops withdrew.

General Gavira's statement was made in connection with the announcement of Major-General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the American army office, that the purpose of the expeditionary force would be considered accomplished when the Villa bands were dispersed or "as soon as the troops of the de facto government are able to relieve them of the work."

"We have more men than enough now," said General Gavira. "If we were able to overcome Villa we had 7,000 men, over a hundred women and plenty of supplies, we ought to be able to dispose of him now, when his numbers have dwindled down to a few hundred. But it is a big territory to operate in and a single man has more chance to escape and hide than a large force would have. However, on account of Villa's wounded condition, we think he will be taken soon. If not, it is hardly likely that without proper surgical care he will survive for long."

CAREER ENDED BY BULLET.

Mrs. Joseph E. Howard Was Daughter of Wealthy Steel Man.

Omaha, Neb., April 11.—Mrs. Joseph E. Howard, daughter of Michael Kilgallon, a wealthy steel manufacturer of Chicago, and wife of Joseph Howard, actor and writer of popular songs, committed suicide by shooting at a local hotel last night. An actress acquaintance who was with her at the time said Mrs. Howard was temporarily demented.

RUMOR OF VILLA'S DEATH HEARD IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Unofficial and unconfirmed reports that Villa is dead reached the Carranza embassy to-day and were given some degree of credence by the officials there. The reports were represented as having come from Queretaro, the Carranza presidential capital. They were unsubstantiated by the latest dispatches to the war and state departments.

Circumstantial reports of Villa's recent injury, however, and the rigors of his long and hurried flight gave some color to the possibility that the headstiff chieftain might be unable to survive the hardships of flight in his disabled condition.

INSTRUCTED IN ROAD WORK.

Large Number of Town Officials Heard Talks at Montpelier.

Road commissioners and selectmen representing towns in Washington county gathered in the municipal room at the city hall in Montpelier at 10 o'clock this forenoon to meet State Highway Commissioner Stoddard Bates of Derby and County Commissioner R. S. Currier of Barre, who presided. The Montpelier Board of Trade, represented by President J. B. Estee and Secretary Lawrence A. Kelly, extended greetings to the 100 men who will have charge this spring and summer of improving this section of Vermont's highways, and the Vermont Automobile association was represented by Secretary Lester H. Greene of Montpelier.

A luncheon was served at the Pavilion hotel this noon to the visitors. Brief talks were given by Fortis Abbott, agent of the Washington County Farmers' association, President K. L. Claves of the automobile club, and Major Boutwell of Montpelier, and H. D. Hopkins gave a reading. This evening the commission will be the guests of the Montpelier Board of Trade at the regular monthly meeting in the auditorium, addresses to be given by State Forester A. F. Hawes and others.

State commissioner Bates gave a talk for nearly two hours this forenoon, in which he gave instruction as to road building. He told of the advantages of having wooden guard rails at dangerous places and he described what he considered to be an ideal fence for the purpose. He urged that bridges and culverts be put in good condition and it was his opinion that bridges and culverts should be required to carry present traffic should be built to be prepared for increase of traffic. Cement culverts were recommended, and the speaker thought blocks 20 inches square were best. He thought filling holes in highways with gravel was a better plan than scraping the roads.

FIND CONTRACT BROKEN.

And Court Gives \$1,074 Verdict to N. W. Van Cleave.

Burlington, April 11.—A verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$1,074 was returned by the jury in the county court case of N. W. Van Cleave vs. Eastern Fruit and Nut company, yesterday afternoon, after they had been out an hour and 40 minutes. This verdict also gives to the plaintiff his costs, which will be assessed by the court. Counsel for the defendant company announced that the case would be taken to the supreme court on exceptions.

This was an action of assumpsit in which the plaintiff sought to recover damages for an alleged breach by the defendant company of its contract as superintendent of their fruit farm at Grand Isle, and for other damages received at their hands. The defendants denied the plaintiff's charges and also alleged that the contract of the plaintiff was obtained by fraud. In his charge to the jury, which was delivered immediately after court convened at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Judge Stanton instructed them that unless they found that the plaintiff had obtained his contract by fraud, the defendant's cancellation of it gave him the right of recovery. H. F. Hunt of Hinesburg was appointed foreman of the jury.

FORMER BARRE RESIDENT.

William Davidson Died Yesterday at Northfield Falls.

A telephone message received in Barre late last night brought news of the death at Northfield Falls of William Davidson, a Barre grantoutter, who resided in this city until recently. Mr. Davidson had been in failing health for several months, illness compelling him to abandon his trade sometime ago. He is survived by his wife and three children, who were with him in the hour of death, and by his father, James Davidson of this city, two sisters, Mrs. John Emslie and Miss Alice Davidson of Barre and three brothers, Thomas Davidson, George Davidson and Edward Davidson, all of this city. Mr. Davidson was born in Peterhead, Scotland, and came to America 24 years ago. The deceased was 32 years old and as a young man he learned the cutter's trade in this city. He belonged to the grantoutters' union. It is expected that the remains will be brought to Barre for interment in the family lot at Hope cemetery.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FRONT.

Will Address Vermont State Dental Society at Burlington.

Burlington, April 11.—The 40th annual meeting of the Vermont State Dental society will be held at the Van Ness house here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 17-19, the lectures beginning at 2:30 p. m. on the first named day. The speakers will include Dr. R. H. Butler, from Strang and Coulson of the Harvard unit, fresh from their experiences on the front in France.

ASCENDED 14,800 FEET.

New American Altitude Record for an Aeroplane.

Newport News, Va., April 11.—A new American altitude record for an aeroplane carrying two persons was set here yesterday when Steven MacGordon, a Curtis aviator, attained a height of 14,800 feet. He was accompanied by W. A. Hudson of Toronto, a student.

The first of the eight military biplanes recently purchased by the government was tested out yesterday. It made a speed of 76 miles an hour, six miles in excess of contract requirements.

REPLY IS NOW IN U. S. HANDS

Germany's Answer to American Inquiries Delivered To-day

TO BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON

Statement Covers Case of the Sussex and Four Other Vessels

Berlin, via London, April 11.—The German government's reply to the American inquiries regarding the steamship Sussex and four other vessels, which have been sunk or damaged, was delivered to-day to the American embassy.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—President Wilson and his cabinet met to-day without any new information on which to act in the submarine issue. The cabinet ministers agreed, in view of Germany's disclaimer of responsibility for the Sussex, that it may be difficult to base action on that case alone, but Secretary Lansing continued his collection of evidence regarding the accumulation of other cases.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP BELIEVED SUNK

The Ellastan Has Not Been Heard From—She Was Unarmed—A Dutch Steamer Beached to Prevent Loss.

London, April 11.—Lloyds reports the British steamship Ellastan missing and presumably she has been sunk. All hands are believed to have been saved. The Ellastan was unarmed.

The Dutch steamship Rijndijk, which struck a mine off Scilly island last week, has been beached. Her cargo was badly damaged by water.

CROSSING LAID IN CEMENT.

Ordered By Public Service Commission at Boutwell, Milne & Varnum's.

The Barre & Chelsea Railroad company has been granted permission by the Vermont public service commission to construct a sidewalk across a highway at grade between Grantville and upper Grantville in order to accommodate the Boutwell, Milne & Varnum company, which proposes to build a new power plant and desires railroad connection with the same. The permission is granted with the stipulation that the crossing be laid in cement 18 inches thick, and that no cars shall be moved on the siding within the limits of the highway without the protection of a flagman.

This favorable action follows a hearing held in Barre on April 4, when evidence was presented which caused the public service commission to arrive at the following conclusion:

"We find that the Boutwell, Milne & Varnum company, who are large quarry owners and operators in the town of Barre, are about to erect a new power plant at the company's quarry at Grantville, in the town of Barre; that the necessities of its business require an industrial siding running from the tracks of the Barre & Chelsea railroad to said new power plant; that it is impossible to construct such a siding without crossing the highway leading from Boutwell station to Grantville and that the business of the Boutwell, Milne & Varnum company is essential to the industrial welfare of the town and city of Barre. Consequently, we judge it conducive to the public good that the foregoing application be granted."

Electric Consolidation Approved.

The public service commission also announces that it has granted permission to the Waterbury Light & Power company to sell and assign all its assets to the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company on condition that the latter company pay all the first mortgage bonds of the Waterbury concern, amounting to \$105,000, and shall also assume all other legal outstanding obligations of the Waterbury company.

The findings of the commission in the above case were as follows:

"From the evidence we find that the transfer of the properties, rights, privileges and franchises of the Waterbury company to the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company, and their operation by the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company, as an integral part of its plant, will be conducive to the public good of the state, and will be better for all concerned than to continue the operation of the Waterbury company as a subsidiary of the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company. This transfer involves no increase in the liabilities of the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company other than the assumption of the legal existing outstanding obligations of the Waterbury Light & Power company, there being no other consideration for said transfer."

Minor Orders Near St. Johnsbury.

Approving the work done in the abolishment of a grade crossing of the Boston & Maine railroad on the east side of the Passumpsic river in St. Johnsbury, the commission orders the town of St. Johnsbury suitably to bank the curves in the highway at either end of a highway bridge constructed by the railroad company and to reset a guard rail on the west side of the bridge nearer the river, while it orders the railroad to paint the bridge.

Harvard Re-Engaged Houghton.

Cambridge, Mass., April 11.—Percy D. Houghton has been re-engaged for another term of years to coach the Harvard football team, the athletic committee announced last night.

MANY EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET

At Departure from Barre of Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Newell.

Members of the Hedding M. E. church tendered a farewell reception last evening to the retiring pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Newell. The parlor was decorated for the occasion by the ladies. The crowd which gathered to bid the pastor farewell filled the room to overflowing. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Glysson stood with Mr. and Mrs. Newell in the receiving line.

E. R. Davis acted as master of ceremonies and, after a piano duet by Misses Hattie Gregory and Ellen Parks, he introduced the speakers. The first of whom was C. S. Andrews, who bade the pastor and Mrs. Newell good-bye in behalf of the parish. Mr. Andrews sketched the work of the pastor since his arrival here, touched on personal experiences which he had shared with Mr. Newell, told several anecdotes applicable to the occasion and ended with sincere expressions of regret at the departure of the Newells and expressions of the good will of the church which will follow them to their new location.

Rev. J. B. Reardon of the Universalist church spoke in behalf of the ministers of the city and of the ministers' union. He stated that in all his 28 years of association with pastors of various churches he had never felt more regret at seeing one of them leave than that experienced at the departure of Dr. Newell. He praised the retiring minister especially for his conscientiousness and zeal in the work in which he was engaged. In behalf of the local ministers Mr. Reardon presented Mr. and Mrs. Newell a framed picture as a token of their esteem and of their best wishes for his future success.

Following a reading, "A Domestic Mistake," by Miss Burleigh of the deaconess' home, Rev. W. M. Shaw of the Trinity M. E. church in Montpelier said a few words as a representative of the Vermont conference. He enlarged upon the influence exerted by Mr. Newell toward raising the ideals of the conference.

Deaconess Davis of the North Barre mission spoke of the interest taken by both Mr. and Mrs. Newell in the work of the mission and regretted their departure. Rev. P. M. McKenna of St. Monica's R. C. church praised Mr. Newell's work more especially in the cause of temperance and described him as a man candid, manly, hopeful, honest and courageous.

Mrs. Skinner, in behalf of the church, presented the pastor a purse of gold, with the suggestion that it be used to purchase something in their new home which should be a constant reminder to them of their friends in Barre. Mrs. L. D. Martin, in behalf of the ladies of the church, made a similar presentation to Mrs. Newell for the purchase of a Wallace Nutting picture to perpetuate the memory of Vermont and her friends here.

Dr. Newell made the response for himself and his wife, attributing his measure of success in a large part to her influence. He expressed his regret at leaving this pastorate but explained their reasons for accepting the call to the New England conference. He expressed also the gratitude of himself and Mrs. Newell for the gifts presented.

Glenn Carpenter, in behalf of the Epworth league, presented to the church an enlarged portrait of the retiring pastor to be hung in the vestry. Mrs. Gladys Bradley then favored the assembly with a vocal solo, which was followed by a closing prayer by Rev. James Ramage of the East Barre Congregational church. At the close of the reception a lunch was served by the ladies of the ladies and pastor's union. Mrs. E. M. Lyon and E. R. Davis had charge of the entertainment. Mrs. D. J. Morse and Miss Alice Farham looked after the decorating and Mrs. Powers, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. Ray, Varnum and Mrs. H. V. Scott were in charge of the serving of refreshments.

Rev. and Mrs. Newell left the city this morning for Worcester, Mass., where they are to attend the New England Methodist conference, which opens tomorrow morning. Before Mr. Newell is assigned to a pastorate, Mrs. Newell plans to visit relatives at Northfield, on Cape Cod. Mr. Newell has been mentioned in connection with pastorates in Springfield, Mass., and Lynn, Mass., although no decision has been reached by the bishop. At the Central Vermont station this morning at 8:25 o'clock a large number of acquaintances of Rev. and Mrs. Newell assembled to bid them farewell.

COBBLE HILL SCHOOL CLOSED

Because of a Few Cases of Scarlet Fever in Mild Form.

Sessions in the graded school on Cobble hill, in Barre Town, were suspended last week as a precaution against the spread of scarlet fever and prospects for an early reopening are considered uncertain. At the office of Dr. E. H. Bailey, Barre Town health officer, in Graniteville, day it was stated that scarlet fever had developed in two families where children were students at the school. A number of students are believed to have been exposed and it is probable that sessions will be resumed in any of the grades until the expiration of a reasonable length of time in which exposed persons may develop symptoms of the contagion. The school rooms are to be fumigated and the usual measures are being taken to keep the disease within bounds.

When asked concerning the situation here in the city, Health Officer Dr. J. W. Stewart stated this afternoon that there are five or six cases of scarlet fever under treatment at the present time. Ever since the outbreak of the malady at Goddard seminary in January, when the institution was closed for a few weeks, there have been sporadic outbreaks of scarletina. Not more than a half-dozen cases have been reported at one time.

NORWICH IN TRIPLE TIE.

Northfield Institution Again Made Perfect Score in Shooting.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Teams representing Michigan Agricultural college, Washington State college, and Norwich university again made perfect scores of 1,000 in the final week of the National Rifle association's intercollegiate rifle matches which ended last Saturday. Aggregate scores for the thirteen weeks the matches were in progress have not yet been compiled. Teams ranking next to the leaders in the scores for last week, included Cornell, 998; Columbia, 991; Johns Hopkins, 989; Vermont and Princeton, 986 each.

HEARD SONG AS CAR SPED

Witness Said She Feared Something Terrible Was Going to Happen

SOON AFTERWARDS HEARD A CRASH

Miss Evelyn T. Allen Testified Today in Rich-Cross Suit

Russell Allen, automobile chauffeur and repairman, completed his testimony in the case of Seth C. Rich vs. George H. Cross, which was resumed this forenoon in Washington county court after the week-end recess. Mr. Allen was on the stand Saturday noon when adjournment was taken.

This forenoon he testified that from his examination of the ground where the automobile accident occurred last August he thought the front wheels of the car left the highway first and that the rear wheels of the machine did not skid over the bank. Mr. Cross, he said, had to his knowledge, driven the machine with a left-hand drive but once before the accident.

He (the witness) had driven the machine in question the day of the accident and had noticed that the engine skipped at intervals. He described the causes. It was his opinion that a car being driven at a rate of 10 miles an hour could be halted by the appliance of the brakes within its own length.

Miss Evelyn Brown, an eye-witness of the accident, followed Mr. Allen on the stand and dramatically described the accident as she recalled it. She had just parted company with Francis O'Brien, who testified last week, and was making her way to the Kingsbury house, where she resided, when she observed the lights of a machine coming over the top of the hill. Her attention was directed to the car because of the noise made by the engine and the sound of singing which seemed to come from the car. She had a premonition that something terrible was going to happen because the machine seemed to be traveling rapidly, and she ran toward the house. Before reaching the door she heard the car go over the bank and she immediately stayed her steps and, turning, hurried down the bank into the field where the car had stopped. She found Mr. Cross at the steering wheel and beside him, Mrs. Green. They alighted after she reached them. Mr. Cross told her that he had seen an automobile coming toward him, that he had seen a dark object in the road, and that he had lost control of the car. The witness said it was quite foggy. Miss Brown told of helping Mrs. Green up the bank to the Kingsbury farmhouse and of there telephoning to the police station for help.

Dr. W. B. Mayo of Northfield was the third witness presented by the plaintiff this forenoon. He was called from his home about 2 o'clock in the morning following the accident.

BOTH SIDES STAND OUT.

Quincy Manufacturers and Polishers Insist on Their Contentions.

Quincy, Mass., April 11.—The manufacturers and the polishers are at greater odds than at any time since the local strike situation developed and not until an adjustment is made will the agreements already reached between the manufacturers and the committees for the cutters and tool sharpeners be ratified and work resumed. Mass meetings scheduled for Saturday that the formal acceptance could be made, have been postponed indefinitely.

The matter in dispute relates to hand polishing. There was a clause in the old agreement that allowed lumpers to do hand polishing.

A representative of the manufacturers said it has been the custom in Quincy since the industry started to allow a lumper to do hand polishing if there was not enough lumping for him, and the custom is still in effect in a few yards. The men, on the other hand, want the hand polishing done by union men. A representative of that branch of the trade said that they are willing to have a hand polisher also do lumping but they object to a lumper doing polishing.

Committees representing both sides met Saturday and arrived at an agreement relative to machine polishers. They met again yesterday to consider the hand polishers' situation and adjourned without agreement.

A representative of the manufacturers said after the conference that the committee of which he was a member have decided to hold no more conferences, except to receive the concession of the polishers. The polishers are equally insistent that hand polishing be thoroughly unionized.

An official of the workmen said that there will be no mass meeting until the two committees agree. He said the hand polishers wish to control their own trade and have no objection to anyone joining their union.

The manufacturers' committee is William Souden, Robert Mayers and William Deacon. Representing the polishers are John McLane, Alexander Ross, Domenico Coletti, Peter and Donato Cardelli.

BRATTLEBORO STAMPS

SELL FOR \$1.750

New York, April 11.—The sale for \$1,750 of two postage stamps issued by the postmaster of Brattleboro, Vt., in 1846, one year before the United States government made its first postal issue, was announced here to-day. The stamps are very rare and their value was enhanced by the fact that both were cancelled and were on the original envelopes. Less than 30 cancelled copies of the Brattleboro stamps are known to be in existence.